



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, January 12, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met January 12, 2016 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 6, 2016 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Nuss presided with roll call showing the following present: Fintel, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Minutes of the meeting held December 29, 2015 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Todd Nuss stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 29, 2015 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Anderson entered the meeting at 9:03 A.M.

The chairman asked if there was any other old business; there was none.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson there being no further old business, to adjourn the business meeting for the year 2015, Sine Die. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to appoint Deb Karnatz to act as Temporary Chairman. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Ballots were spread for election of the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors with the following results: Nuss 6 and Fintel 1. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel that the informal ballot be made formal and declare Todd Nuss Chairman for the year 2016. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, and Schmidt; abstain: Nuss. Motion carried.

Ballots were spread for election of the Vice-Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors with the following results: Fintel 3, Shaw 2, Samuelson 1 and Johnson 1. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt that the informal ballot be made formal and declare Ivan Fintel Vice Chairman for the year 2016. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; abstain: Fintel. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken by the newly elected Chairman to commence business for the 2016 year showing the following present: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.



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The board discussed the various governing boards they are on. They decided they will all stay on the boards they are currently on.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Johnson to keep the governing board appointments the same as 2015: Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc., Eric Samuelson with Ivan Fintel as alternate; Midland Area Agency on Aging, Michael Anderson with Gerald Schmidt as alternate; Region III Mental Health, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Ivan Fintel with Todd Nuss as alternate; Trailblazer RC&D, Bruce Rumsey with Gary Johnson as alternate; County Board representative serving on the Clay County Health Governing Board, Dick Shaw serving a 3 year term (1-14 to 1-17) with Todd Nuss as alternate; County Board members serving on the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee), Todd Nuss & Gary Johnson; South Heartland District Health Board member representing the County Board, Eric Samuelson 3 year term (4-15 to 4-18) with Gerald Schmidt as alternate. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator was asked if she would be willing to continue to serve on the South Central Economic Development District board. Barb said she would like to continue serving.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to appoint Barb Barnett to represent Clay County on the South Central Economic Development District board with Gerald Schmidt as alternate for the year 2016. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to appoint Deb Karnatz as NIRMA contact person for 2016. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Designation of the broadcast media for Clay County was discussed. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to designate KHAS and KKOP radio stations and KSNBC Nebraska TV station as licensed broadcast media for 2016. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to designate the Clay County News as the county's official newspaper for 2016. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to designate the Clay County website as an additional method of publishing notice of meetings of the Board of Supervisors; other departments may use this method at their discretion. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried

The Treasurer submitted a list of banks that are available to hold the deposits and CD's for Clay County. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw that the following banks be named as holding agencies for county funds for the year 2016: Cornerstone Bank and First Bank & Trust, both of Clay Center; Cornerstone Bank and Astra Bank, both of Sutton; Cornerstone Bank of Harvard; Cornerstone Bank of Edgar; Pinnacle Bank of



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Fairfield and Cornerstone Bank of Glenvil. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Anderson to re-appoint Thomas Roemmich II, as Highway Superintendent for the year 2016. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, reported on snow removal and box culvert progress. Tom discussed when to have the hearing for the 1 & 6 year road plan and advertising for gravel bids.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Schmidt to advertise the public hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan to be held on February 9, 2016 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to advertise for gravel bids to supply gravel for the county roads for the year 2016; bids to be opened on Feb. 16, 2016 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

NAD road maintenance was discussed. Ted is preparing a resolution to identify the roads that will be maintained by the County.

The board signed the Annual Report of County Officers, Signatures and Seals as requested by the Secretary of State.

Because there was time, the board discussed the snow removal around the courthouse. Courthouse employees were present for this discussion; voicing safety concerns for themselves and the public. The way the streets were worked on around the courthouse left no access to get to the courthouse other than climbing over the snow bank that was made in the street. Employees and customers had to climb over the banks in order to get to work or to do business. The street was cleared for parking and access to the businesses across the street around the square. The chairman talked to the Mayor and the Mayor agreed to clear the west side of the square for parking and access into the courthouse. The chairman will speak with the mayor again to see if some sort of access could be left for the handicapped parking on the south. The Highway Supt. was also present and said he would try in the future to bring the snow blower up and clear the street around the courthouse if he is available.

Nuss left at 10:30 A.M.

Michele Bever, Executive Director South Heartland District Health Department presented the annual report for July 2014 through June 2015. The report included 10 Essential Public Health Services, 5 Priority Goals, Surveillance and Disease Investigation as well as other services and information. Michele discussed some of the highlights of the past year which included programs in Clay County schools, medication take back programs, a public approach to serving Veterans and their families and working to prevent chronic disease.



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The Auto Fleet, Inland Marine, and Building & Contents Schedules were received from NIRMA. These were reviewed by the Clerk, Highway Supt. and Emergency Manager and corrections were made before being presented to the board for their review.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the vice-chairman to sign the Auto Fleet, Inland Marine, and Building & Contents Schedules as corrected. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Nuss. Motion carried.

The semi-annual statement from the County Treasurer was reviewed. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Anderson to accept the semi-annual statement from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 as presented by the County Treasurer. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Nuss. Motion carried.

The Fee Reports were distributed. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of December 2015: County Clerk \$11,931.61; County Court \$6,353.89; Clerk of District Court \$7,681.04; Sheriff's fees for \$2,174.01 and County Treasurer receipts numbered 15000039, 15110045 through 15110048 and 15120001 through 15120038 in the amount of \$256,884.93. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Nuss. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney told the board he would have the Resolution for the maintenance of the NAD roads next week.

Anderson left at 11:29 A.M.

Three of the board members went to the third floor to look at the chairs that have been re-finished. There are still several chairs being worked on and several more that need to be.

There was no public input.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to adjourn this meeting at 11:38 A.M.; next regular meeting scheduled for January 19, 2016. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Nuss and Anderson. Motion carried.

The board entered session as the Weed Control Board at 11:39 A.M. Vice-Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Nuss and Anderson.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to re-appoint Bruce Rumsey as the Weed Superintendent for 2016. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Nuss and Anderson. Motion carried.

Copies of the Activity Report for 2015, the Noxious Weed Control Plan for 2016, Infestation Report, Budget Report and the Nebraska Invasive Plant Watch List were



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passed out to the board for their review. Bruce went over the reports and answered questions.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to recess at 11:55 A.M. as the Weed Control Board. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Samuelson, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Nuss and Anderson. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman

Ivan Fintel, Vice-Chairman